

I want to complain
vigorously about
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their affiliates to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary, which
is based on lies put
out by the
discredited Swift
Boat Liars, just
days before the
election. This is
not only an
inappropriate use of
public airwaves, but
it also denegrates
all heroes who have,
like John Kerry,
received Purple
Hearts, Bronze Stars
or Silver Stars. We
can no longer drag
the names of our
Vietnam Vets through
the mud the way the
Swift Boat Liars do.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media

ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.